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For : A-FORM OF CYTOPLASMIC DOMAIN OF nARIA (CRD-NEUREGULIN) and USES THEREOF

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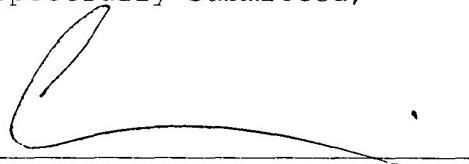
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on November 19, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 19, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due February 19, 2002. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from February 19, 2003 to May 19, 2003 for responding to the November 19, 2002 Final Office Action in order to file a request for Continued Prosecution Application ("CPA") for the above-identified application. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on May 19, 2003 for the purpose of filing a CPA.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$465.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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